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'A filter for the removal of substances from blood products'	
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<p>The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents. However,</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DE Germany is not designated for any kind of national protection</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> KR Republic of Korea is not designated for any kind of national protection</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RU Russian Federation is not designated for any kind of national protection</p> <p><i>(The check-boxes above may be used to exclude (irrevocably) the designations concerned in order to avoid the ceasing of the effect, under the national law, of an earlier national application from which priority is claimed. See the Notes to Box No. V as to the consequences of such national law provisions in these and certain other States.)</i></p>										
<b>Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM</b>										
The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:										
Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:								
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office						
item (1) (03.07.2003) 3 JULY 2003	03015088.2		EP							
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<p>The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) <i>(only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office)</i> identified above as:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> all items               <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> item (1)               <input type="checkbox"/> item (2)               <input type="checkbox"/> item (3)               <input type="checkbox"/> other, see Supplemental Box         </p> <p><i>* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)): . . . .</i></p>										
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<p><b>Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA)</b> (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):</p> <p>ISA / EP</p>										
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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	:								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iv)	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America) (follows)	:	1							
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**Box No. VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PATENT**

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In relation to this international application,

FRESENIUS HEMOCARE ITALIA S.r.l. is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:


(ii) FRESENIUS HEMOCARE ITALIA S.r.l. is entitled as employer of the inventors, Ms. ZAMBIANCHI, Laura; Mr. BONAGUIDI, Paolo; Mr. MARI, Giorgio

(ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of:

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